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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 275  
By Beavers

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Kathryn Michelle  
Garland, 2001 Valedictorian of Smyrna High  
School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Michelle Garland is one such illustrious student who was named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Smyrna High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Kathryn has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, In her exceptional high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; Kathryn Garland's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

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WHEREAS, A sterling scholar, Ms. Garland has been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and is a recipient of the Scholastic Award; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Michelle Garland has been a valuable member of many community and school organizations, including the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, the FBC Smyrna Girl's Ensemble, the National Honor Society, the Youth Group Drama Production, FCA, Beta Epsilon, the First Baptist Smyrna Youth Choir, the FBC Smyrna SATB Ensemble, the Yearbook Staff, the Pep Club, the Smyrna High School Select Singers, the Spanish Club, and Peer Helpers; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn has also served as a Guidance Office Aide, a Salvation Army Food Server, an ABLES Volunteer, a Short-term Missionary for Street Reach in Memphis, a Spanish and Math Tutor, and a summer volunteer with Outreach to Underprivileged Children; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary young woman has astutely served in several key leadership positions, including President and member of the Leadership Team for First Priority, as Manager of the Volleyball Team, and as Interact Club Secretary; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her academic triumphs, Kathryn Garland has demonstrated remarkable athletic ability as a dancer; she is a talented Dance Teacher at the Smyrna School of Dance; and

WHEREAS, Since 1997, Ms. Garland has also served as a Child Care Provider at the FBC; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Michelle Garland's essay, "Clique In or Clique Out," has been published in *Living with Teenagers*, November 2000; and

WHEREAS, Her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Bobby and Susan Garland, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn's integrity and dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Smyrna High School Valedictorian, Kathryn Michelle Garland, on her impressive academic achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.